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ANALYSIS USING GENERIC CAPTURE SEQUENCES

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions for an extension of time in which to file this response in the above-identified application. Enclosed is a check including the amount indicated below to extend the period for response from April 13, 2003, to May 13, 2003.

An extension fee in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed. [X]

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3117. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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